

Brain Factory Holds Top Secrets

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CARLISLE BARRACKS, Pa.
May 7—The quiet atmosphere here at Carlisle Barracks is deceiving.

Officers who stroll the shaded walks of this old-time Army post carry secrets that would rock the world.

They know, up to the minute, what our top intelligence agencies are finding out about the possibilities of war or peace.

They know more about the Russian Army than most Russian officers.

They know, down almost to the last rifle, the strength of friendly and hostile forces around the world.

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FOR THIS is the site of the Army War College, top "brain factory" of our ground forces.

The 300 hand-picked student officers here are seasoned but youngish (average age 40). They're here for a year of concentrated study, to be prepared for duty as "commanders and General Staff Corps officers at the highest Army levels."

Much of what goes on here is secret.

Armed guards stand before the doors to classrooms.

Stout bars protect the windows and entrance to a library,

crammed with documents the Kremlin would love to touch. And guards patrol the library area 24 hours a day.

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BUT THERE is no secrecy about the scope of the college's courses.

They cover virtually every phase of global strategy and politics.

Nor does the knowledge come solely from books and documents.

The Pentagon spares no efforts to make certain that War College students get the latest and straightest dope right from the source.

In a typical week, recently, these speakers have lectured:

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, Army Chief of staff, came up from Washington to speak on "Military Strategy: Today and Tomorrow."

Robert Amory Jr., Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, spoke on "The Current World Situation" as seen by the nation's most secret fact-gathering group.

Assistant Secretary of State Livingston T. Merchant told the student officers about the "Global Strategy of the United States."

After the lectures, there were long question-and-answer sessions.

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